



H.RES. 1097 – EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE MONTH OF APRIL 2008, AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH TO PROVIDE ATTENTION TO THE TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES THAT FACE SOME OF OUR NATION'S CHILDREN ON A DAILY BASIS AND TO UNDERScore OUR COMMITMENT TO PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT SO THAT ALL CHILDREN CAN LIVE IN SAFETY AND SECURITY.

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1097 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Joe Courtney (D-CT) on April 10, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1097 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 14, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1097 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Expresses support for the designation of National Child Abuse Prevention Month;
- Should increase public awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention and should continue to work with the States to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect; and
- Should recognize that child abuse and neglect prevention programs reduce child maltreatment, strengthen families, reduce mental illness, deter criminal behavior, and contribute to children's positive emotional, academic, social, and cognitive development.

BACKGROUND

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, approximately 899,000 children and 1.5 million teenagers were victims of neglect or abuse in 2005. Of the violent crimes reported by teenagers, 175,391 were violent robberies and 73,354 were sexual assault and rape. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reports that children ages 3 and younger are the most frequent victims of fatal child abuse and that nearly 1,500 children died as a result of abuse or neglect in 2004.

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